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SUBJECT: P&C SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

1. SUMMARY - NECESSITY OF PREPARING BROCHURE, PREPARING TO PAY BILLS, AND OTHER FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT LEAVE LITTLE TIME FOR CONSIDERED APPRAISAL OF USIS ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING IT. DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW AS SOON AS WE CAN WRITE IT. FOR THE MOMENT, WE SUMMARIZE WITH JUDGMENT THAT OFFICIAL POLISH COOPERATION WITH PRESS SIDE OF VISIT AND MEDIA COVERAGE OF IT WERE CONGRUENT WITH HIGHLY COOPERATIVE AND RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE OF THE GOP CONCERNING THE ENTIRE VISIT.

2. NEGOTIATIONS - MFA VICE DIRECTOR KONOPACKI AND INTER-PRESS CHIEF SZAKIEWICZ BEGAN TO MAKE PLANS ON BASIS OF OUR REQUESTS BEFORE ARRIVAL OF WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE GROUP.

SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT DETAILS OF PRESS CENTER AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR JOURNALISTS BETWEEN POLISH OFFICIALS AND WHITE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES, WITH OUR ASSISTANCE, WENT VERY WELL. NONETHELESS, THERE WERE SEVERAL POINTS OF FRICTION, MISUNDERSTANDING, AND DIFFERENCE OF OPINION WHICH CAUSED MOMENTARY DIFFI-  
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CULTIES. ESSENTIALLY, THE POLISH BUREAUCRACY WAS NOT

EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH ITS MORE MODERN, ALBEIT OVER-STAFFED, U.S. COUNTERPART; AND WE HAD TO COPE WITH NUMEROUS PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM INADEQUATE COMMUNICATION AMONG INTERPRESS, MFA, HOTEL FORUM, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONARIES. BUT THE WILL WAS THERE, AND THERE WERE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS.

3. ARRANGEMENTS - FINANCIALLY, WE DIDN'T HAVE A PRAYER OF DRIVING MUCH OF A BARGAIN WITH THE POLES CONCERNING COSTS OF THE PRESS CENTER. KONOPACKI SNIFFED ALMOST CONTEMPTUOUSLY AT THE THREE-WAY COST-SHARING PROPOSAL, AS HE REMINDED US OF THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAST YEAR'S GIEREK VISIT. WHITE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES PRIVATELY ADMITTED JUSTICE OF HIS VIEWS. BUT THE POLES DID RETREAT FROM THEIR INFLATED ORIGINAL PRICE FOR CENTER IN FACE OF STIFF WHITE HOUSE BARGAINING.

4. MEDIA COVERAGE WAS GENEROUS, EVEN SPECTACULAR, IN COMPARISON WITH TREATMENT NORMALLY ACCORDED U.S. WITH HEAVY COVERAGE ON DAYS OF VISIT, CONTINUING ECHOES IN TODAY'S PRESS, AND EXTENSIVE FEATURE TREATMENT IN WEEKLIES PRAWO I ZYCIE AND KIERUNKI. THERE PROBABLY WILL BE MORE FEATURE TREATMENT, GEARED TO THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENT VISITS TO ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. TELEVISION AND RADIO TREATMENT WAS COMPARABLY EXTENSIVE. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF MEDIA COVERAGE WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

5. THE PRESS CENTERS IN WARSAW AND KRAKOW WERE EXTENSIVELY USED BY THE VISITING JOURNALISTS, AS WELL AS BY POLISH NEWSMEN. FOCAL POINT OF P&C EFFORTS DURING THE ACTUAL VISIT, THE CENTERS WERE STAFFED BY P&C AMERICAN OFFICERS AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND BY FSIOS DACHI AND ZEHNER WHO CAME IN TO HELP. P&C PERSONNEL AND SEVERAL WIVES HANDLED VARIOUS PRESS CHORES, INCLUDING BAGGAGE HANDLING, INTERPRETING, PROVIDING BRIEFINGS ABOUT DETAILS OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM, AND MORE GENERALLY ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND. NEWSMEN AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS PERSONNE APPEARED TO BE PLEASED WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS AND FUNCTIONING OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENTERS.

6. AGENCY SUPPORT WAS TIMELY AND VERY HELPFUL, ENABLING US TO PLACE VARIOUS ITEMS WITH POLISH MEDIA AND TO PREPARE PRESS-KIT MATERIAL EARLY ENOUGH TO AVOID VISIT CRUNCH. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO AGENCY, RPO, P&C BUDAPEST, AND U.S.I.S. BERLIN FOR THEIR FINE ASSISTANCE.

7 WE SHALL COMPLETE VARIOUS FOLLOW-UP CHORES AS  
EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, MOST IMPORTANTLY BROCHURE,  
BILL PAYMENT, FOLLOW-UP PLACEMENT, NUMEROUS P.R. DETAILS,  
A DESCRIPTION OF MEDIA COVERAGE, AND REPORT IN WHICH  
WE IDENTIFY AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE MISTAKES AND SHORT-  
COMINGS. FINALLY, AGENCY SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE CON-  
FIDENCE DISPLAYED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR  
EMBASSY OFFICERS IN P&C IN PREPARATION FOR VISIT AND  
IN VARIOUS DETAILS CONCERNED WITH IT. USIA WAS CUT  
INTO THE ACTION IN ALMOST EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. IN  
TODAY'S STAFF MEETING, AMBASSADOR DECLARED THAT HE WAS  
COMPLETELY SATISFIED.  
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